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shall be immediately organized and elect a chairman from among its members, and each member shall receive as compensation twenty pesos for each day of session actually attended by him: *Provided, however,* That if a Government officer is appointed on said committee he shall not receive the per diems provided for by this act.

SEC. 2. To be appointed a member of this committee it shall be necessary:

- (a) To be a citizen of the Philippine Islands or of the United States;
- (b) To be a doctor or licentiate of medicine and surgery of some properly accredited medical college;
- (c) To have practiced the medical profession in the Philippine Islands for five years at least or have been employed during the same time in the bureau of health, medical school, or bureau of science.

SEC. 3. The committee is hereby authorized to employ a secretary, who shall be a typewriter and a stenographer. The director of health shall furnish such additional subordinate personnel and such stationery and offices as may be necessary for the committee hereby created. The committee shall present to the Third Legislature, on or before its first regular session, a detailed report of its work and of its conclusions and recommendations in connection therewith. On the same date the committee shall dissolve and be relieved of its functions

SEC. 4. The sum of ten thousand pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the insular treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the chairman of the committee for the payment of the per diems and any other necessary expenses for carrying out the purpose of this act.

Insane Persons—Care of, in Government Institutions (Act No. 2122, Enacted Feb. 1, 1912.)

SECTION 1. The director of health shall have authority to inquire into the history and mental condition of all insane or alleged insane persons and require information relating to such persons; to make such regulations as may be necessary for the sanitary erection, maintenance, and repair of buildings in which the insane are quartered, and to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the public safety and for the general welfare and proper protection of all persons under treatment for insanity, whether such persons be under the care of public or private institutions or of their guardians or other persons in their homes.

SEC. 2. The director of health shall have authority to admit insane persons to any government hospital or other place for insane upon such terms as the secretary of the interior may have approved, and the money received on account of such patients shall be covered into the treasury as a credit to the appropriation for the bureau of health.

SEC. 3. Should the government hospitals or other places for the insane become so crowded that more persons can not be accommodated therein, or when for other reason it is desirable, the director of health shall be empowered to make contracts, subject to the approval of the secretary of the interior, with private institutions or persons for the care, custody, and treatment of persons coming within the provisions of this act.

SEC. 4. The director of health, in all cases where in his opinion it is for the public welfare or for the welfare of any person who in his judgment is insane, and when such person or the person having charge of the patient is opposed to his being taken to a hospital or other place for the insane, shall present, or cause to be presented, a petition to the court of first instance of the district wherein the person alleged to be insane is found, alleging that such person is insane, that it is for the welfare of the public or of the patient that he be taken to a suitable place for treatment, and praying the court to commit such person to a hospital or other place for the insane. The judge of the court of first instance shall cause not less than five days' notice to be given of the

date of the hearing of the petition to such alleged insane person or to the person having care of such alleged insane person, and to such of his relatives residing in the Province or the city of Manila as the judge may deem proper, and shall order the sheriff to produce the alleged insane person if able to attend on the hearing. If the judge finds, after due hearing, that the person in question is insane, and that his relatives are unable for any reason to take proper custody and care of the patient, he shall order his commitment to such hospital or other place for the insane as may be recommended by the director of health, and when it appears necessary or convenient he may appoint a guardian for him as provided in section five hundred and sixty of act numbered one hundred and ninety, entitled "An act providing a code of procedure in civil actions and special proceedings in the Philippine Islands:" *Provided, however,* That when the court having jurisdiction is not in session, or in case of emergency, the director of health may confine, without detriment to the patient's legal status, any person believed by him to be insane in any Government hospital or other place; and if the confinement of such person shall involve the care of property or money belonging to or held in trust by him, the municipal president at the request of the provincial fiscal, or in the city of Manila the chief of police at the request of the city prosecuting attorney, shall take charge of such property and money pending the appointment of a guardian by the court; but the director of health shall institute or cause to be instituted the proceedings mentioned in this section within a reasonable time, in order that the court may determine the legal status of the patient.

It shall be the duty of the provincial fiscal, or in the city of Manila of the prosecuting attorney, to prepare the petition for the director of health and represent him in court when so requested by the director of health.

SEC. 5. The expense of sending an insane person to a hospital or other place for the insane, and of his maintenance therein, shall be paid by the guardian from the property of such insane person, if any there be, or by the person whose duty it is under Title VI, Book I, of the Civil Code, to care for such insane person. In all cases where the insane patient, or the person responsible for his support, is unable wholly or in part to pay the expenses of the patient's transportation to the hospital and return, or for his maintenance and care while at the hospital, the same, or such part thereof as may be due, shall be chargeable to the municipality in which the patient is a bona fide resident at the time of his commitment: *Provided,* That such expense may be a charge against the bureau of health upon the order of the Governor General.

SEC. 6. The director of health may appoint a board of insanity, consisting of two or more duly qualified physicians, when requested by a court of competent jurisdiction, whenever in his opinion there exists a reasonable doubt as to the mental condition of a patient confined in any hospital or other place for the insane, public or private, for the purpose of inquiring into the mental condition of such person, which board shall render a written report thereon to the court or to the director of health as the case may be.

SEC. 7. When, in the opinion of the director of health, any patient in any Government hospital or other place for the insane is temporarily or permanently cured, or may be released without danger, he may discharge such patient, and shall notify the judge of the court of first instance who ordered the commitment, in case the patient is confined by order of the court.

SEC. 8. When, in the opinion of the municipal president, insane persons constitute a menace to the safety of others, or are in danger of committing serious injury to themselves, or when the conduct of suspected insane patients is such as to call for immediate restraint, he shall provide for the proper custody of such person and report such facts immediately to the director of health.

SEC. 9. Within the meaning of this act, insanity is a manifestation, in language or conduct, of disease or defect of the brain, or a more or less permanently diseased or

disordered condition of the mentality, functional or organic, and characterized by perversion, inhibition, or disordered function of the sensory or of the intellectual faculties, or by impaired or disordered volition.

Insane Persons—Commitment of to Government Institutions (Regulation Director of Health Promulgated Mar. 27, 1912).

REGULATION 1. District health officers, medical inspectors, and other employees concerned are expected to become thoroughly conversant with the provisions of act 2122, upon which these regulations are based, and ignorance of the provisions thereof will not be accepted as an excuse for any action taken under these regulations alone.

BUILDINGS, AND CARE OF INSANE.

REG. 2. District health officers in the Provinces and medical inspectors in the city of Manila, shall, immediately upon receipt of these regulations, inspect within their districts all institutions or places wherein insane persons are confined, quartered, or maintained, and shall submit immediately to the director of health a report showing:

- (a) The sanitary condition of such institution or place.
- (b) The number of insane confined or maintained therein.
- (c) The provisions made for the sanitary maintenance of such insane in said institution or place—toilets, bathing facilities, etc.

(d) The clothing provided and the quantity and quality of food served to all insane persons confined or maintained therein.

(e) The methods used to prevent the insane, or violently insane, from injuring themselves and of escaping and injuring other insane or the public; pointing out defects with regard to—

- (a) Location, construction, and maintenance of buildings with reference to sanitation.
- (b) Insanitary and unsuitable conditions with regard to the care, maintenance, or confinement of insane persons therein.

REG. 3. The inspection and report provided for in regulation 2 shall hereafter be made semiannually in June and December of each year, the report for each semi-annual inspection to be in the hands of the director of health by not later than July 5 and January 5 for the half year immediately preceding.

REG. 4. No buildings in which insane persons are confined or are to be confined shall be erected, changed, or repaired until the plans therefor shall have been approved by the director of health.

RATES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF INSANE AT SAN LAZARO INSANE HOSPITAL AT MANILA.

REG. 5. The terms upon which insane or apparently insane persons shall be admitted to Government institutions are as follows: For maintenance in ward, ₱25 per month; for maintenance in private room, ₱2 per day and upward, according to character of room.

COMMITMENT OF INSANE IN THE PROVINCES.

REG. 6. Insane persons, with their consent, or with the consent of their guardians, may be admitted to an institution for the insane without an order of the court. In such cases, due application, with the necessary consents attached, will be forwarded to the director of health by the district health officer, who will certify whether or not the responsible persons are able to pay the cost of transporting the patient to the institution and of his maintenance therein. If the responsible persons are unable to pay, such cost will be charged or disposed of as provided for in regulation 11.

No such cases will be sent to an institution for the insane without the approval of the director of health first had.